1	WESTERN WASHINGTON LAW GR	OUP PLLC
2	DENNIS J. MCGLOTHIN (28177) ROBERT J. CADRANELL (41773) P.O. Box 468	
3	Snohomish, WA 98291 Tel: 425/728-7296, ext. 4 dennis@westwalaw.com	
4	robert@westwalaw.com	
5	docs@westwalaw.com	ח
6	BLOOD HURST & O'REARDON, LL TIMOTHY G. BLOOD (pro hac vice) THOMAS J. O'REARDON II (pro hac	r vice)
7	501 West Broadway, Suite 1490	vice)
8	San Diego, CA 92101 Tel: 619/338-1100	
9	619/338-1101 (fax)   tblood@bholaw.com	
10	toreardon@bholaw.com pbrown@bholaw.com	
11	Attorneys for Plaintiffs	
12	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
13	EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON	
14	ERIC BLOMQUIST, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and JUN DAM, individually,	Case No: 2:20-cv-00464-SAB
15	situated, and JUN DAM, individually,	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
16	Plaintiffs,	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
17	V.	
18	PERKINS COIE, LLP, a Washington limited liability partnership; PERKINS COIE CALIFORNIA,	
19	P.C., a California corporation; PERKINS COIE U.S., P.C.; and	Chief Judge Stanley A. Bastian
20	LOWELL NESS, individually,	Compleint Fileds December 16, 2020
21	Defendants.	Complaint Filed: December 16, 2020 Trial Date: Not Yet Set
22		JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
23		
24		
25		EXHIBIT A, Page 1 of 37
26	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT	Western Washington Law Group PLLC

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

Western Washington Law Group PLLC

1			TABLE OF CONTENTS	
1 2			Page	e
3	I.	RECI	TALS1	
4	II.	DEFI	NITIONS3	
-	III.	CLAS	SS CERTIFICATION AND AMENDED COMPLAINT10	
5		A.	Certification of the Class for Settlement Purposes10	
6		B.	Filing of Amended Complaint	
7	IV.	SETT	TLEMENT RELIEF11	
8	V.	ADM	IINISTRATION AND CLASS NOTICE17	
9		A.	Settlement Administrator	
10		B.	Class Notice	
11		C.	Dissemination of Class Notice	
12	VI.	OBJE	ECTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION22	
13		A.	Objections	
14		B.	Requests for Exclusion	
15	VII.	RELI	EASES and additional conditions of settlement24	
16	VIII.	ATTO SERV	ORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND PLAINTIFF VICE AWARD27	
17	IX.	FINA	AL JUDGMENT AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT28	
18	X.	NO A	ADMISSION OF LIABILITY/FOR SETTLEMENT ONLY28	
19	XI.	TER	MINATION OF THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT28	
20	XII.	ADD	ITIONAL PROVISIONS29	
21				
22				
23				
24				
25				
26			EXHIBIT A, Page 2 of 37	

1	LIST OF EXHIBITS		
2			
3	Exhibit A	Long Form Notice	
4	Exhibit B	Email Notice	
5	Exhibit C	Postcard Notice	
6	Exhibit D	Final Judgment and Approval Order	
7	Exhibit E	Preliminary Approval Order	
8	Exhibit F	Claim Form	
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25		EXHIBIT A, Page 3 of 37	
26	STIPLII ATION OF SETTI EMEN		

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT -  $\mathbf{i}$ 

Western Washington Law Group PLLC

#### I. RECITALS

- A. This Stipulation of Settlement ("Settlement Agreement") is entered into by Plaintiff on behalf of himself and the Class Members, and by Defendants Perkins Coie LLP, Perkins Coie U.S., P.C., Perkins Coie California, P.C., and Lowell Ness ("Perkins Coie" or "Defendants"). Capitalized terms used herein are defined in Section II of this Settlement Agreement or indicated in parentheses;
- B. Subject to Court approval, the Parties stipulate and agree that, in consideration for the promises and covenants set forth in the Settlement Agreement and upon entry by the Court of a Final Judgment and Approval Order, the occurrence of the Effective Date, and upon satisfaction of all conditions to this Settlement Agreement, the Action shall be settled and compromised upon the terms and conditions contained herein;
- C. WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, Jun Dam filed a class action complaint against Perkins Coie in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington Case No. 2:20-cv-00464-SAB, on behalf of himself and all other persons whose money was allegedly improperly released from the Escrow Account maintained by Perkins Coie in connection with the sale of Ethereum tokens ("Tokens"). Each Token entitled the purchaser to place one watt of computing power in cryptomining facilities maintained by Giga Watt, Inc. in Eastern Washington (the "Giga Watt Project"). The initial sale of Tokens ("Initial Token Offering") was conducted in May through July of 2017. Giga Watt, Inc. filed a bankruptcy Case No. 18-03197 FPC 11 in the Eastern District of Washington in November of 2018 ("Bankruptcy Case");
- D. WHEREAS, on November 19, 2020, Mark Waldron, as Trustee in the Bankruptcy Case ("Trustee"), filed an adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding"), No. 20-80031, against Perkins Coie LLP, one of its partners, Lowell

- E. WHEREAS, on September 26, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court ruled that three of the five claims asserted in the Action were the property of the estate in the Bankruptcy Case and subject to the automatic bankruptcy stay, thereby prohibiting the Class from prosecuting them in this Action, and on February 23, 2022 ruled that litigation of the remaining two claims were enjoined until the Bankruptcy Court issued a report and recommendation to the District Court or until the Adversary Proceeding was resolved;
- F. WHEREAS, Plaintiff appealed both orders of the Bankruptcy Court to the District Court, and moved to consolidate the appeals, which motion was granted;
- G. WHEREAS, briefing on the consolidated appeal was completed on July 29, 2022;
- H. WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, the appeal was stayed by the District Court to permit the parties to participate in mediation with the Honorable Benjamin P. Hursh;
- I. WHEREAS, Plaintiff and his counsel, Perkins Coie and its counsel, and the Trustee and his counsel attended an all day, in-person mediation with Bankruptcy Judge Hursh on January 20, 2023, prior to which the mediating parties exchanged significant amounts of information, exchanged mediation briefs outlining their positions and each spoke privately with Judge Hursh as well as with each other on numerous occasions; and following the in-person mediation continued to work with Judge Hursh for several months and also further

communicated among themselves in an effort to resolve the Action, eventually resulting in settlement between Perkins and the Trustee of the Adversary Proceeding, and between Perkins and the Class in this Action;

- J. WHEREAS, in September 2023, Plaintiff Eric Blomquist filed a First Amended Complaint in the Action;
- K. WHEREAS, Class Counsel have determined that a settlement of the Action on the terms reflected in this Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of the Class; and
- L. WHEREAS, Perkins Coie, to avoid costs, disruption, and distraction of further litigation, and without admitting the truth of any allegations made in the Action, or any liability with respect thereto, has concluded that it is desirable that the claims against it be settled and dismissed on the terms in this Settlement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Settlement Agreement is entered into by and among the Parties, by and through their respective counsel and representatives, and the Parties agree that: (1) upon the Effective Date, the Action and all Released Claims shall be fully, finally, and forever settled and compromised as between Plaintiff and the Class on the one hand, and Perkins Coie on the other hand; and (2) upon final approval of the Settlement Agreement, the Final Judgment and Approval Order, shall be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice and releasing all Released Claims against the Released Parties

#### II. **DEFINITIONS**

- A. As used in this Settlement Agreement and the attached exhibits the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
- 1. "Action" means Dam v. Perkins Coie LLP et al. Case No. EXHIBIT A, Page 6 of 37 No. 2:20-cv-00464-SAB (E.D. Wash.).

(i) jurists and mediators who are or have presided over the Action, Plaintiff's

26

Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, their employees, legal representatives, heirs, 1 2 successors, assigns, or any members of their immediate family; (ii) Defendants 3 and any of their subsidiaries, parents, affiliates, and officers, directors, employees, 4 legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, or any members of their 5 immediate family; (iii) GigaWatt Pte., Ltd., Cryptonomos Pte. Ltd., and Giga Watt Inc. and any of these entities' subsidiaries, parents, affiliates, and officers, 6 7 directors, employees, partners, agents, legal representatives, heirs, successors, or 8 assigns, or any members of their immediate families; and (iv) any persons or 9 entities who timely and properly exclude themselves from the Class. 10 10. O'Reardon II of Blood Hurst & O'Reardon, LLP. 11 12 11. 13 14 A–C), and publication notice as discussed in Section V.C.1-3. 15 12. 16 Notice as described in Section V.B. 17 13.

"Class Counsel" means Timothy G. Blood and Thomas J.

- "Class Notice" means, collectively, the Long-form Class Notice, Email Notice and Postcard Notice (substantially in the forms of Exhibits
- "Class Notice Program" means the dissemination of Class
  - "Class Representative" or "Plaintiff" means Eric Blomquist.
- "Common Fund" means a non-reversionary cash fund in the 14. amount of four and one-half million dollars (\$4,500,000) which is to be distributed in the following order: to compensate Plaintiff's Counsel their fees and expenses as awarded by the Court; to pay the Settlement Administrator for notice and settlement administration costs; to pay the Class Representative service award as awarded by the Court; to provide the Cash Payments to Class Members; and if applicable, to the Cy Pres Recipient.

EXHIBIT A, Page 8 of 37

25

26

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

- 15. "Court" or "District Court" means the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington, the Honorable Stanley A. Bastian presiding.
- 16. "Cy Pres Recipient" means the non-profit public policy organization Blockchain Association that, subject to approval by the Court, will receive any funds remaining after all Class Member distributions have been made.
- 17. "Defendants" or "Perkins Coie" means Perkins Coie LLP, Perkins Coie U.S., P.C., Perkins Coie California, P.C., and Lowell Ness.
- 18. "Defendants' Counsel" or "Perkins Coie's Counsel" means Byrnes Keller Cromwell LLP and Munding, P.S.
- 19. "Direct Notice" means distribution of Class Notice by e-mail (if an e-mail address is available) or if not, by first class mail through the United States Postal Service to Class Members as identified in the records of the Bankruptcy Court, Perkins Coie, or by other reasonable means.
- which the time to appeal has expired if no appeal has been taken from entry of the Final Judgment and Approval Order; (b) in the event that an appeal or other effort to obtain review of the Final Judgment and Approval Order has been initiated, the date after which all such appeals or other requests for review have been finally concluded on terms that fully affirm approval of this Settlement Agreement and are no longer subject to further appeal; (c) the date on which the time to appeal has expired if no appeal has been taken from entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the settlement of the Adversary Proceeding; (d) in the event that an appeal or other effort to obtain review of the Order described in subparagraph (c) hereof has been initiated, the date after which all such appeals or other requests for review have been finally concluded on terms that fully affirm approval of the

- settlement of the Adversary Proceeding and are no longer subject to further appeal; (e) the date on which all other conditions to the settlement have been met including those listed in Section VII.G and H; or (f) if Class Counsel and Perkins Coie agree in writing, any other agreed date that is earlier than the Effective Date as calculated according to the subparagraphs above; provided that the Effective Date may not be modified unless all conditions to settlement of the Adversary Proceeding have been met.
- 21. "Escrow Account" means that IOLTA account maintained by Perkins Coie in which Token purchase funds from the Initial Token Offering were deposited to be held until certain conditions were met.
- 22. "Final Approval Hearing" means the hearing to be conducted by the Court on such date as the Court may order to determine the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the Settlement Agreement.
- 23. "Final Judgment and Approval Order" means, collectively, the Final Judgment and Final Order Approving Settlement to be entered by the Court approving this Settlement Agreement as fair, adequate, and reasonable, confirming the certification of the Class, and issuing such other findings and determinations as the Court and/or the Parties deem necessary and appropriate to implement the Settlement Agreement. The Final Judgment and Approval Order shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit D.
- 24. "Giga Watt Estate" means the estate of Giga Watt, Inc. in the Bankruptcy Case.
- 25. "Long-form Class Notice" means the legal notice of the terms of the proposed Settlement, as approved by the Court, to be distributed according to the Class Notice Program. The Long-form Class Notice shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

- 35. "Released Claims" means any and all actions, claims, demands, rights, suits, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature against the Released Parties, including damages, costs, expenses, penalties, equitable relief, injunctions, and attorneys' fees, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, in law or in equity, that arise from or relate to the facts giving rise to this Action.
- 36. "Released Party" or "Released Parties" means Defendants and their parents, subsidiaries, divisions, departments, and affiliates, and any and all of Defendants' past and present officers, directors, employees, stockholders, agents, successors, attorneys, insurers, representatives, and assigns; the Giga Watt Estate, Mark D. Waldron as Chapter 7 Trustee of the Giga Watt Estate, and agents and attorneys of the Giga Watt Estate.
- 37. "Releasing Party" means Plaintiff and each and every Class Member.
- 38. "Request for Exclusion" means the communication that must be submitted to and received by the Settlement Administrator on or before the Opt-Out Date by a Class Member who wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class.
- 39. "Settlement Administrator" means Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc., the entity retained by the Parties and approved by the Court to design, consult on, and implement the Class Netice Program to administer and EXHIBITA. Page 12 of 37

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

send the settlement benefits to Class Members, and perform overall administrative functions.

- 40. "Settlement Website" means the Internet website to be created and maintained for this settlement by the Settlement Administrator to provide information to the public and the Class about this Settlement Agreement.
- B. Capitalized terms used in this Settlement Agreement, but not defined in Section II, shall have the meanings ascribed to them elsewhere in this Settlement Agreement.

#### III. CLASS CERTIFICATION AND AMENDED COMPLAINT

## A. Certification of the Class for Settlement Purposes

As part of the motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff will seek preliminary certification of the Class. Defendants consent, solely for purposes of settlement, to the certification of the Class, to the appointment of Class Counsel, and to the approval of Plaintiff as suitable representative of the Class; provided, however, that if the Court fails to approve this Settlement Agreement or the Settlement Agreement otherwise fails to be consummated, then Defendants shall retain all rights they had, including but not limited to, the right to object to the maintenance of the Action as a class action.

## **B.** Filing of Amended Complaint

Plaintiff shall file a First Amended Class Action Complaint, which is reasonably acceptable to Defendants, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2). The Amended Complaint will contain a class definition to conform to this Settlement Agreement, include Eric Blomquist as the named Plaintiff and proposed Class Representative, and include any other changes necessary to conform to the terms of this Settlement Agreement Agreem

## IV. SETTLEMENT RELIEF

- 1. Class Members who submit a timely, valid Claim Form will be entitled to a Cash Payment. The Cash Payment to each Class Member will be a *pro rata* share of the Net Fund, calculated using a fraction, where the number of Tokens owned by the respective Class Members on November 19, 2018, is divided by the total number of Tokens owned by all Class Members who submit Claim Forms which are allowed by the Settlement Administrator.
- 2. The Cash Payment amount each Class Member is entitled to will be calculated by the Settlement Administrator in accordance with the Plan of Allocation described in the Long-form Class Notice attached hereto as Exhibit A, or such other plan of allocation approved by the Court.
  - 3. Release of the Common Fund and Distribution of Settlement Relief.
- a. Within fifteen business days of the Effective Date, Perkins Coie shall cause the Common Fund to be funded by paying the sum of \$4,500,000 (minus amounts, if any, previously paid by Perkins Coie to the Settlement Administrator under Section IV.3.b, *infra*) to the Settlement Administrator. Payment will be made via wire transfer to the following instructions: Western Alliance Bank, Account Name: Gigawatt Settlement Fund, Routing No. 122105980, Account No. 8943150407 ("Settlement Account"). The Settlement Account will be created and administered by the Settlement Administrator in conformance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Account shall be held in a Qualified Settlement Fund (defined below) that is established for this settlement.
- b. To reimburse the Settlement Administrator for costs and fees incurred before the Common Fund is fully funded pursuant to Section IV 3.a., Perkins Coie shall advance to the Settlement Administrator the amount of fees and

s45,000.00. Such amounts shall be paid, up to the specified cap, in the ordinary course of business after receipts of invoices by Defendants' Counsel showing the Settlement Administrator's incurrence of reimbursable costs. The amounts so paid shall be credited against the \$4,500,000 amount which Perkins Coie is to pay into the Common Fund pursuant to Section IV.3.a. In the event the Effective Date does not occur, Perkins Coie shall not be reimbursed the amount advanced to the Settlement Administrator pursuant to this paragraph.

The Settlement Administrator shall invest the Common Fund c. amount in interest-bearing short-term instruments or accounts that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government or an agency thereof (the "Instruments"). Interest earned on money in the Settlement Account, less any taxes owed thereon (if any), will be added to the Common Fund for the benefit of the Class. Notwithstanding the foregoing, that portion of the Common Fund that the Settlement Administrator reasonably estimates needs to be available on a liquid basis to pay on-going costs of settlement administration or to be distributed to the Class, as provided in this Settlement Agreement, may be placed in one or more insured accounts that may be non-interest-bearing. Except as otherwise specified herein, the Instruments at all times will remain in the Settlement Account and under the control of the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall not disburse the Common Fund except: (i) as provided in this Settlement Agreement; (ii) by an order of the Court; or (iii) with the written agreement of Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel. All costs and risks related to the investment of the Common Fund in accordance with the investment guidelines set forth in this paragraph shall EXHIBITA. Page 15 of 37 be borne by the Common Fund. Subject to further order(s) or directions as may be

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

made by the Court, or as provided in the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Administrator is authorized to execute such transactions as are consistent with the terms of the Settlement Agreement. All funds held by the Settlement Administrator shall be deemed and considered to be in *custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as such funds shall be distributed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement or pursuant to further order(s) of the Court. In the event that the settlement cannot be concluded for any reason, the Common Fund shall be returned to Perkins Coie. Except as otherwise specified herein, the Instruments at all times will remain in the Settlement Account and under the control of the Settlement Administrator.

d. The Parties agree that the Common Fund is intended to be a "qualified settlement fund" ("Qualified Settlement Fund") within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 and that the Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for filing any required tax returns for and paying from the Common Fund any taxes owed with respect to the Common Fund. The Parties agree that the Common Fund shall be treated as a "qualified settlement fund" from the earliest date possible, and agree to any relation-back election required to treat the Common Fund as a "qualified settlement fund" from the earliest date possible. Any and all taxes shall be paid out of the Common Fund, shall, to the extent possible, be paid out of the interest earned on the Common Fund, be considered to be a cost of administration of the Settlement, and be timely paid by the Settlement Administrator without prior order of the Court. The Settlement Administrator will send Class Counsel copies of all such filings and receipts of payment in a timely manner.

e. The Common Fund shall be distributed in the following order: to pay the Attorneys' Fees and Expenses approved by the Court; to pay the fees

and costs of the Settlement Administrator; and to pay the Class Representative Service Award approved by the Court. The amount remaining after these payments is the Net Fund.

f. days of receipt by fourteen the Settlement Administrator, the Net Fund will be distributed to Class Members who submitted timely Claims approved as valid. By default, the Settlement Administrator will provide Cash Payments through physical checks to each Class Member. Class Members receiving their Cash Payment by check will have 90 days from the issue date on the check to cash or deposit the check. Class Members may change the default method by which they receive their Cash Payment by electing to instead receive the amount by means of an electric transfer of funds ("Electronic Transfer"). The Electronic Transfer payment options will be stated in the Claim Form and on the Settlement Website. The Settlement Website will provide a secure means by which Class Members may furnish the payment information necessary for the Settlement Administrator to provide the Cash Payment through Electronic Transfer. Class Members who elect to receive an Electronic Transfer in their Claim Form or on the Settlement Website but fail to provide sufficient or correct information to permit such payment shall be sent their Cash Payment through physical check.

g. The Common Fund is not a reversionary fund and Perkins Coie will not have any reversionary interest in the Common Fund or Net Fund. In the event any portion of the Net Fund is not distributed to Class Members after all reasonable efforts are made as described in Sections IV.4 and V.C, and after waiting for ninety days from the date the last check or Electronic Transfer is issued, including any check or Electronic Transfer that has been reasonable the remaining balance, including any funds from failed Electronic Transfers, shall be

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

redistributed pro rata to Class Members who negotiated the checks or accepted an Electronic Transfer in the initial distribution.

h. If after the initial distribution or redistribution the amount remaining in the Net Fund is *de minimis* such that further distribution to Class Members would not be economically feasible, the remainder of the Net Fund will be donated to the Cy Pres Recipient as may approved by the Court.

## 4. Claim Form Submission

- a. Class Members must timely complete and submit a Claim Form, attached hereto as Exhibit F, to receive a Cash Payment. The Claim Form will require information to confirm the Claimant is a Class Member, confirm the number of Tokens owned and for which the Claimant is entitled to a Cash Payment, the electronic wallet in which the Tokens were held, provide contact information, and such other information as may be relevant to efficiently and fairly process claims.
- b. Claimants will have forty-five calendar days from the date of mailing of their Class Notice or email transmission of their Class Notice to return completed Claim Forms to the Settlement Administrator. Claim Forms may be returned by U.S. mail or any other regularly maintained mail delivery service or submitted online on the Settlement Website.
- c. The Settlement Administrator will take all adequate and customary steps to determine if Claimants are entitled to a Cash Payment and the amount thereof based on the information provided by Claimants, and any other information obtained by the Settlement Administrator, including information provided by Class Counsel or Perkins Coie. Among other things, the Settlement Administrator will consider the completeness of the information provided by the Claimant, whether the information can be verified and whether there is any

information that contradicts the information submitted by the Claimant. Perkins Coie will provide all information it can reasonably obtain regarding Claimants at the request of the Settlement Administrator. Prior to the rejection of a Claim, the Settlement Administrator shall take reasonable steps to communicate with the Class Member in an effort to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim Form. Following any effort to resolve the curable deficiencies, the Settlement Administrator shall promptly notify all Claimants whose Claims the Settlement Administrator proposes to reject, in whole or in part, and provide its reasons.

d. If a Claimant disputes the determination made by the Settlement Administrator, the Claimant may appeal the decision by providing written notice to the Settlement Administrator within 20 days of the date notification was sent informing the Claimant of the rejection (in whole or in part). Written notice appealing the decision may be made by U.S. mail or by completing and submitting an appeal form on the Settlement Website. The Settlement Administrator shall notify Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel of any disputes regarding the rejection of a Claim. Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel may review any Claims rejected by the Settlement Administrator. If Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree that a Claim was improperly rejected, the Claim shall be deemed valid and paid. If Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel do not agree as to whether a Claim was improperly rejected, the Settlement Administrator's determination of Claimants' eligibility to receive Cash Payments and the amount thereof is final and may not be contested by the Claimant.

EXHIBIT A, Page 19 of 37

## V. ADMINISTRATION AND CLASS NOTICE

## A. Settlement Administrator

- 1. Subject to Court approval, the Parties shall retain Epiq Class Action & Claim Solutions, Inc. as Settlement Administrator to help implement the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
- The Settlement Administrator will be tasked with the 2. administration of this Settlement Agreement, as set forth herein. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to (1) arranging for dissemination of the Direct Notice and publication notice, (2) mailing or arranging for the mailing, emailing or other distribution of the Class Notice and the settlement relief to Class Members, (3) handling returned mail and email not delivered to Class Members, (4) making any additional mailings required under the terms of this Settlement Agreement, (5) answering written inquiries from Class Members and/or forwarding such inquiries to Class Counsel or their designee, (6) receiving and maintaining on behalf of the Court and the Parties any Class Member correspondence and Requests for Exclusion from the Settlement, (7) establishing the Settlement Website that posts the operative complaint, Settlement Agreement, the Class Notice, and other related documents, (8) sending and reviewing Claim Forms, (9) distributing the Common Fund according to the terms of this Settlement Agreement, and (10) otherwise assisting with administration of the Settlement Agreement.
- 3. The contract with the Settlement Administrator shall obligate the Settlement Administrator to abide by the following performance standards:
- a. The Settlement Administrator shall accurately and neutrally describe, and shall train and instruct its employees and agents to EXHIBITA. Page 20 of 37

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1	accurately and objectively describe, the provisions of this Settlement Agreement	
2	in communications with Class Members; and	
3	b. The Settlement Administrator shall provide prompt,	
4	accurate and objective responses to inquiries from Class Counsel or their designee,	
5	Perkins Coie and/or Perkins Coie's Counsel.	
6	B. Class Notice	
7	1. Class Notice: The Class Notice forms will include a Long-form	
8	Class Notice, Email Notice, and Postcard Notice.	
9	2. The Long-form Class Notice, available on the Settlement	
10	Website and to be sent to Class Members at their request, shall be in substantially	
11	the form of Exhibit A. At a minimum, the Long-form Class Notice shall:	
12	a. include a short, plain statement of the background of the	
13	Action and the proposed Settlement Agreement;	
14	b. describe the proposed settlement relief as set forth in this	
15	Settlement Agreement;	
16	c. inform Class Members that, if they do not exclude	
17	themselves from the Settlement Class, they may be eligible to receive relief;	
18	d. describe the procedures for participating in the	
19	Settlement, including all applicable deadlines, and advise Class Members they	
20	may be asked to submit a Claim Form to determine their eligibility to receive a	
21	Cash Payment and/or the amount thereof, and that they may elect to receive Cash	
22	Payment by Electronic Transfer and inform Class Members how to provide the	
23	information necessary for Electronic Transfer, including the deadline for doing so	
24	e. describe the Release;	
25	f. state that any Cash Payment is contingent on the Court's	
26	final approval of the Settlement Agreement;	

Settlement Agreement and its Exhibits, the Preliminary Approval Motion, the Preliminary Approval Order, the operative complaint, the Motion for Final Approval and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, the Final Judgment and Approval Order, Settlement-related deadlines, Electronic Transfer payment option information, and any other materials or information the Parties agree to include on the Settlement Website. These documents shall be available on the Settlement Website for as long as the Settlement Website is active.

6. Class Action Fairness Act Notice: Perkins Coie shall work with the Settlement Administrator to comply with all notice requirements imposed by 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b) ("CAFA Notice"). Perkins Coie shall be responsible for paying CAFA Notice costs, if any; CAFA Notice costs will not be paid from the Common Fund.

## C. Dissemination of Class Notice

applicable), shall be sent via email, or for those Class Members for whom an email address is not available, but a physical address is available, then via the United States Postal Service, to every Class Member who can be identified in the records of (1) Perkins Coie, (2) the Giga Watt Estate, or (3) otherwise. Perkins Coie shall provide the Settlement Administrator with any of the aforementioned Class Member contact information it possesses. Direct Notice will be sent on the Notice Date. Prior to the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall employ its regular data processing and data cleaning procedures on the records (names/addresses) for the Direct Notice. The Settlement Administrator shall design the Direct Notice (for both delivery by U.S. mail and by email) in such a manner as to enhance the likelihood that it will be opened or viewed by the Class Member. After posting of the Postcard Notice by the Settlement Administrator

1 | w
2 | ur
3 | A
4 | nc
5 | A
6 | T
7 | re
8 | fc

with the United States Postal Service, for any such mailed notices returned as undeliverable, the Settlement Administrator shall utilize the National Change of Address registry in an attempt to obtain better addresses for such returned mail notices, and should that registry show a more current address, the Settlement Administrator shall send the returned Postcard Notice to the more current address. The Settlement Administrator will promptly resend any Postcard Notice that is returned as undeliverable with a forwarding U.S. mail or email address to such forwarding address.

- 2. No later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall cause to be published notice of the proposed settlement in the publications listed above and with the enhancements identified above. The publication notice will run for 31 days and will direct viewers to the Settlement Website to read the Long-form Class Notice, submit a Claim Form, and obtain additional information about the proposed settlement.
- 3. Website Notice: No later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator will post the Long-form Class Notice and Claim Form on the Settlement Website, and shall post the additional documents and information discussed in Section V.B.4 above as they become available. Such documents and information may also be posted on Class Counsel's website and Plaintiff's Counsel's websites at their option.
- 4. Upon Request: The Long-form Class Notice and Claim Form shall also be sent via electronic mail or regular mail to Class Members who so request. The Class Notice and Claim Form will be disseminated, and these documents and others will be posted on the Settlement Website in English.

EXHIBIT A, Page 24 of 37

## VI. OBJECTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION

## A. Objections

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

- Any Class Member who intends to object to the fairness of the 1. Settlement Agreement must do so in writing no later than the Objection Date. The written objection must be filed with the Court and served on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel no later than the Objection Date. The written objection must include: (a) a heading which refers to the Action; (b) the objector's name, address, telephone number and, if represented by counsel, the name, address, and telephone number of his/her counsel; (c) a statement that the objector is a Class Member, the number of Tokens owned on November 19, 2018, and an identification of the wallet in which the Tokens were held; (d) a statement whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through counsel; (e) a statement of the objection and the specific grounds supporting the objection; (f) a statement whether the objection applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the class, or to the entire class; (g) copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based; and (h) the objector's handwritten, dated signature (the signature of objector's counsel, an electronic signature, and the annotation "/s" or similar annotation will not suffice).
- 2. Any Class Member who files and serves a written objection, as described above, may appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through counsel hired at the Class Member's expense, to object to any aspect of the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of this Settlement Agreement. Class Members or their attorneys who intend to make an appearance at the Final Approval Hearing must serve a notice of intention to appear on Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, and file the notice of appearance with the Court, no later Exhibit A. Page 25 of 37

than seven (7) days before the Final Approval Hearing, or as the Court may otherwise direct.

3. Any Class Member who fails to substantially comply with the provisions of Sections VI.A.1-2 above shall waive and forfeit any and all rights he or she may have to appear separately and/or to object and shall be bound by all of the terms of this Settlement Agreement and by all proceedings, orders and judgments, including, but not limited to, the Release, in the Action.

## **B.** Requests for Exclusion

- 1. Any member of the Class may request to be excluded from the Class. A Class Member who wishes to opt out of the Class must do so no later than the Opt-Out Date. To opt out, a Class Member may mail to the Settlement Administrator a written Request for Exclusion that is received no later than the Opt-Out Date. A Request for Exclusion may also be electronically submitted at the Settlement Website by the Opt-Out Date. Exclusion requests submitted at the Settlement Website will be deemed received on the date of electronic submission. The Request for Exclusion must be personally signed by the Class Member and contain a statement that indicates a desire to be excluded from the Class, states the number of Tokens owned on November 19, 2018, and identifies the wallet in which the Tokens were held. No person may opt out of the Class for any other person or be opted-out by any other person, and no Class Member shall be deemed opted-out of the Class through any purported "mass" or "class" opt-outs.
- 2. Any Class Member who does not submit a timely, written Request for Exclusion shall be bound by all subsequent proceedings, orders and the Final Judgment and Approval Order in this Action, even if he or she has pending, or subsequently initiates, litigation, arbitration, or any other proceeding against any or all of the Defendants relating to the Released Claims.

- 3. Any Class Member who properly requests to be excluded from the Class shall not: (a) be bound by any orders or judgments entered in the Action relating to the Settlement Agreement; (b) be entitled to a Cash Payment or be affected by, the Settlement Agreement; (c) gain any rights by virtue of the Settlement Agreement; or (d) be entitled to object to any aspect of the Settlement Agreement.
- 4. The Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel with a final list of all timely Requests for Exclusion within three days after the Opt-Out Date and shall file the final list of all timely Requests for Exclusion prior to or at the Final Approval Hearing.
- 5. If Class Members collectively owning more than the agreed number of Tokens submit timely valid requests for exclusion, Perkins Coie shall have the unilateral and exclusive option, in its sole discretion, to terminate the Settlement Agreement. This option must be exercised within 30 days of the Opt-Out Date or within seven days before the Final Approval Hearing, whichever occurs first. The agreed number of Tokens for purposes of this provision is set forth in a separate agreement between Perkins Coie and Plaintiff and will be provided to the Court for good cause and if so, ordered by the Court.

## VII. RELEASES AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT

- A. Upon the Effective Date, each and every Releasing Party shall by order of this Court be deemed to have released, waived, forfeited and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from initiating, asserting, and/or prosecuting any Released Claim against any Released Party in any court or any forum.
- B. In addition, with respect to the Released Claims, Plaintiff specifically acknowledges and affirmatively waives any rights or benefits available to him EXHIBITA. Page 27 of 37

under California Civil Code section 1542. California Civil Code section 1542 provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Plaintiff hereby waives any and all federal and state statutes similar in substance, meaning or application to California Civil Code section 1542.

- C. In consideration for the Agreement, Defendants and their parents, subsidiaries, divisions, departments, and affiliates, and any and all of its past and present officers, directors, employees, stockholders, agents, successors, attorneys, insurers, representatives, licensees, licensors, subrogees, and assigns shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Final Judgment and Approval Order shall have, released Plaintiff's Counsel and Plaintiff from any and all causes of action that were or could have been asserted pertaining solely to the conduct in filing and prosecuting the litigation or in settling the Action.
- D. No Class Member shall have any claim against Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Counsel, Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, or the Settlement Administrator based on distributions of the settlement relief made substantially in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and the Plan of Allocation.
- E. In any proceeding, matter or dispute between Perkins, Plaintiff and/or the Class Members, the Court shall retain exclusive and continuing venue and jurisdiction over the Parties and the Class Members to interpret and enforce the terms, conditions, and obligations under the Settlement Agreement and any such disputes shall be brought in this Court.

  EXHIBIT A, Page 28 of 37

F.

views regarding whether the Bankruptcy Court's orders staying and preliminarily enjoining the Action (which orders are on appeal in this Court) must be lifted or modified before Plaintiff and Perkins Coie may seek approval of this Settlement Agreement in this Court, and if so, the appropriate procedure. Accordingly, Plaintiff intends to seek guidance from the District Court (which has jurisdiction via the consolidated appeal over the stay/preliminary injunction orders). Plaintiff will not file the motion for preliminary approval of this Settlement Agreement until the District Court provides input on this issue.

G. As an additional condition of settlement, plaintiff Jun Dam will obtain

The Plaintiff, Perkins Coie and the Trustee have various and differing

- G. As an additional condition of settlement, plaintiff Jun Dam will obtain a voluntary dismissal (without costs or fees to either party) of the consolidated appeal pending (and currently stayed) in the separate litigation between the Trustee and plaintiff Jun Dam in the Eastern District of Washington, Case No. 2:21-cv-00291-SAB, using one of the means identified for voluntary dismissals in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 8023. Plaintiff will seek a voluntary dismissal of the appeal within 10 business days from when the Final Judgment and Approval Order is final and non-appealable, or from when the Bankruptcy Court's order approving the settlement of the Adversary Proceeding is final and non-appealable, whichever occurs later. Any acts by Perkins Coie keyed off of the Effective Date and conditions of settlement will not be required until the consolidated appeal is dismissed.
- H. This settlement Agreement will not take effect until, and is conditioned upon, a successful conclusion of the settlement of the Adversary Proceeding brought by the Bankruptcy Trustee, Mark D. Waldron, against Perkins Coie LLP, et al., Adversary Case No. 20-80031 in the bankruptcy matter captioned *In re: Giga Watt Inc.*, Case No. 18-03197.

# VIII. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES AND PLAINTIFF SERVICE AWARD

- A. Class Counsel shall make an application for an award of attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Common Fund or one million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$1,125,000).
- B. Class Counsel shall make an application for reimbursement of Plaintiff's Counsel's reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and for approval of the fees and costs to be incurred by the Settlement Administrator.
- C. The award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses will be paid to Class Counsel from the Common Fund. The application for an award of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses will be made by Class Counsel on behalf of themselves and the other Plaintiff's Counsel. Class Counsel shall distribute and allocate the Attorneys' Fees and Expense awarded to Plaintiff's Counsel in its sole discretion. Perkins Coie shall not be responsible for any other fees or expenses incurred by Class Counsel, Plaintiff's Counsel or Plaintiff.
- D. Plaintiff will apply for a Class Representative service award in the amount of \$5,000.00. Any Court-approved service award is in addition to the benefits that the Class Representative is entitled to receive as a member of the Class.
- E. The Court-approved Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and Class Representative service award will be paid from the Common Fund within seven (7) days of the Settlement Escrow Agent's receipt of the Common Fund.
- F. The Court's determination of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses and the Class Representative service award will not affect the remainder of the Settlement.

EXHIBIT A, Page 30 of 37

### IX. FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT

A. This Settlement Agreement is subject to and conditioned upon the issuance by the Court of the Final Judgment and Approval Order that finally certifies the Class for the purposes of this settlement, grants final approval of the Settlement Agreement, and provides the relief specified herein. Such Final Judgment and Approval Order shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

## X. NO ADMISSION OF LIABILITY/FOR SETTLEMENT ONLY

- A. This Agreement reflects the compromise and settlement of disputed claims among the Parties and is for settlement purposes only. Neither the fact of, or any provision contained in this Agreement or its Exhibits, nor any action taken hereunder, shall constitute, be construed as, or be admissible in evidence as an admission of: (a) the validity of any claim or allegation by Plaintiff, or of any defense asserted by Perkins Coie, in the Action or in any other action or proceeding; (b) any wrongdoing, fault, violation of law, or liability of any kind on the part of any Party, Defendants, Released Party, or their respective counsel; or (c) the facts recited herein.
- B. The terms of this Settlement Agreement are not, and should not be construed as, an admission of liability or wrongdoing on the part of Perkins Coie.

## XI. TERMINATION OF THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- A. Except for Section XI.A.2, which may be exercised only by Perkins Coie, any Party may terminate this Settlement Agreement by providing written notice to the other Parties within thirty days of any of the following events:
- 1. The Court does not enter a Preliminary Approval Order that conforms in material respects to Exhibit E; or EXHIBIT A, Page 31 of 37

If to Plaintiff or Class Counsel: 1.

25 26

00203372

Timothy G. Blood BLOOD HURST & O'FEED HON, Page 32 of 37 501 W. Broadway, Suite 1490

1 San Diego, California 92101 Tel: 619-338-1100 2 tblood@bholaw.com 3 2. If to Defendants or Defendants' Counsel: 4 Ralph E. Cromwell, Jr. 5 BYRNES KELLER CROMWELL LLP 1000 2nd Avenue, 38th Floor 6 Seattle, Washington 98105 Tel: 206-622-2000 7 rcromwell@byrneskeller.com 8 D. Good Faith: The Parties agree that they will act in good faith and will 9 not engage in any conduct that will or may frustrate the purpose of this Settlement 10 Agreement. The Parties further agree, subject to Court approval as needed, to 11 reasonable extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement 12 Agreement. 13 E. Publicity: To the extent Defendants or Plaintiff make any public 14 statements regarding the settlement of this Action, any such statements shall be 15 consistent with the Court-approved documents that comprise this Settlement 16 Agreement. 17 F. Binding on Successors: The Settlement Agreement shall be binding 18 upon, and inure to the benefit of, the heirs, successors and/or assigns of the 19 Released Parties. 20 G. Arms-Length Negotiations: The determination of the terms and 21 conditions contained herein and the drafting of the provisions of this Settlement 22 Agreement has been by mutual understanding after negotiation, with consideration 23 by, and participation of, the Parties hereto and their counsel. This Settlement 24 Agreement shall not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was 25 the drafter or participated in the drafting. Any statute or rule of construction that 26

5 6

4

8 9

7

11 12

10

14 15

13

16

17

18 19

20 21 22

23

24

25 26

ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the implementation of this Settlement Agreement and the Parties agree that the drafting of this Settlement Agreement has been a mutual undertaking.

- Η. Waiver: The waiver by one Party of any provision or breach of the Settlement Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any other provision or breach of the Settlement Agreement.
- I. Variance: In the event of any variance between the terms of this Settlement Agreement and any of the Exhibits hereto, the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall control and supersede the Exhibit(s).
- J. Taxes: No opinion concerning the tax consequences of the Settlement Agreement to any Class Member is given or will be given by Defendants, Defendants' Counsel, Class Counsel, or Plaintiff's Counsel; nor is any Party or their counsel providing any representation or guarantee respecting the tax consequences of the Settlement Agreement as to any Class Member. Each Class Member is responsible for his/her tax reporting and other obligations respecting the Settlement Agreement, if any.
- Modification in Writing: The Settlement Agreement may not be K. changed, modified, or amended except in a writing signed by one of Class Counsel and one of Perkins Coie's Counsel and, if required, approved by the Court. The Parties contemplate that the Exhibits to the Settlement Agreement may be modified by subsequent agreement of Defendants and Class Counsel so long as the modifications do not alter the substantive terms of the Agreement, reduce the rights and benefits of Class Members, or affect the rights of the Trustee as set forth in the settlement agreement of the Adversary Proceeding.
- Retain Jurisdiction: Subject to Section VIII.E, the Court shall retain EXHIBIT. A, Page 34 of 37 L. jurisdiction with respect to the implementation and enforcement of the terms of

1	this Settlement Agreement, and the F	Parties hereto submit to the jurisdiction of the	
2	Court for purposes of implementing and enforcing the settlement.		
3	M. Choice of Law: This Settlement Agreement is governed by, and shall		
4	be construed and enforced in accordance with, Washington law.		
5	N. Computation of Time: All deadlines and time periods prescribed in		
6	this Settlement Agreement shall be calculated pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6.		
7	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused the Settlement		
8	Agreement to be executed as of the last date set forth below.		
9	011	Respectfully submitted,	
10	Dated: <u>Slating</u> (2, 2023	BLOOD HURST & O'REARDON, LLP	
11	Á	TIMOTHY G. BLOOD (pro hac vice) THOMAS J. O'REARDON II (pro hac vice)	
12		PAŬLA R. BROWN (254142)	
13		By:	
14		TIMOTHY G. BLOOD	
15		501 West Broadway, Suite 1490 San Diego, CA 92101	
16		Tel: 619/338-1100 619/338-1101 (fax) tblood@bholaw.com	
17		toreardon@bholaw.com pbrown@bholaw.com	
18		WESTERN WASHINGTON LAW	
19		GROUP PLLC DENNIS J. MCGLOTHIN (#28177) ROBERT J. CADRANELL (41773)	
20		P.O. Box 468	
21		Snohomish, WA 98291 Tel: 425/728-7296, ext. 4 dennis@westwalaw.com	
22		robert@westwalaw.com docs@westwalaw.com	
23		Plaintiffs' Counsel	
24			
25	Dated: Sept. 12, . 2023	BYRNES KELLER CROMWELL LLP EXHIBIT A, Page 35 of 37	
26	7		
00203372	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT - 32	Western Washington Law Group PLLC P.O. Box 468, Snohomish, WA 98291	

		1
1		RALPH E. CROMWELL, JR.
2		(WA11784)
3		By: Lage E. Cranwell fr.
4		RALPH E. CROMWELL, JR.
5		1000 2nd Avenue, 38th Floor Seattle, WA 98105 Tel: 206/622-2000
6		rcromwell@byrneskeller.com
7		Attorneys for Defendants Perkins Coie LLP; Perkins Coie U.S., P.C.; Perkins Coie California, P.C.; and Lowell Ness
8		
9		MUNDING, P.S. John D. Munding
10		MUNDING, P.S. John D. Munding 309 E. Farwell Rd., Ste. 310 Spokane, WA 99218-1152 Tel: 509/624-6464
11		Tel: 509/624-6464 john@mundinglaw.com
12		Attorneys for Defendants Perkins Coie LLP and Lowell Ness
13		LLP and Lowell Ness
14		
15		
16		
17		
18		
19		
20		
21		
22		
23		
24		
25		
26		EXHIBIT A, Page 36 of 37
00203372	STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT - 33	Western Washington Law Group PLLC P.O. Box 468, Snohomish, WA 98291 (425) 728-7296, ext. 4

# [EXHIBITS OMITTED]

EXHIBIT A, Page 37 of 37